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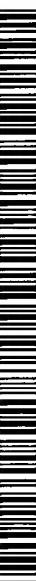
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(54) Title: VACCINE COMPOSITION

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to vaccine compositions for the effective prevention or treatment of meningococcal, preferably meningococcal, disease. The vaccines of the invention comprise a multivalent meningococcal bled composition comprising at least one bleb with homologous bactericidal activity which is derived from a meningococcal strain with a serosubtype that is prevalent in a country of use, and at least one bleb with heterologous bactericidal activity which is derived from a meningococcal strain which need not have a serosubtype that is prevalent in the country of use.

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1.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
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